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Attorney General John Ashcroft

US Department of Justice

950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW

Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

Over the past three years, the IT industry has held its breath in anticipation for an imminent end to the US vs. Microsoft lawsuit. Now that a proposed settlement has been reached, consumers and the IT industry have an opportunity to return to business as usual. This is critical for the industry as well as our economy in general.

Under the settlement agreement, Microsoft will not return to business as usual. The settlement will penalize Microsoft and may require it to modify its products. Microsoft will be forever scrutinized by a three-person committee that will also control how Microsoft does business in the future.

I sincerely believe that it is critical for American competitiveness, the IT industry and the US consumer that the proposed settlement be formalized as soon as possible. I urge the Department of Justice to do all within its power to formalize the proposed settlement as soon as

legally possible.

Sincerely,

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